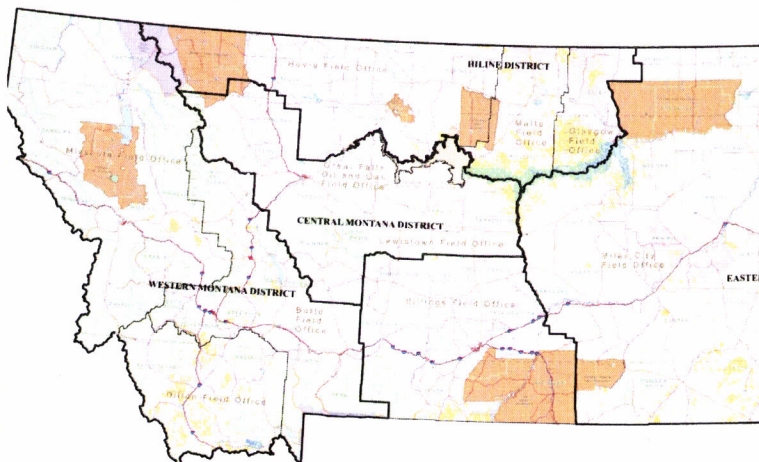


# BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MONTANA/DAKOTAS



## THE BLM IN MONTANA



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
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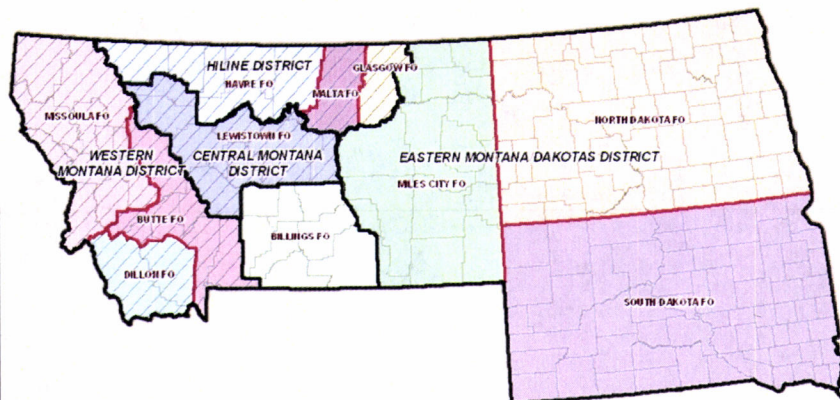
## THE BLM IN MONTANA



- ❑ 8 million surface acres
- ❑ 41 million subsurface acres
- ❑ 12,865 jobs and \$1.7 billion to Montana's economy in FY 2012



## WHO WE ARE





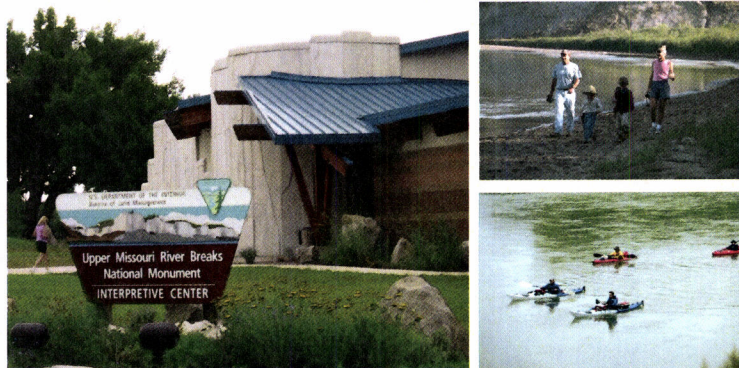
## BILLINGS



- ☐ Pompeys Pillar National Monument
- ☐ Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range



## CENTRAL MONTANA



- ☐ Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River
- ☐ 6 Wilderness Study Areas
- ☐ Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



## EASTERN MONTANA/DAKOTAS



- ❑ The Miles City Field Office administers 1,776 grazing allotments (about 2.7 million acres and 546,570 AUMs)
- ❑ Eastern MT: nearly 11 million BLM-administered coal acres



## HILINE



- ❑ HiLine District field offices are home to vast sagebrush landscapes that provide habitat for an estimated 4,000 greater sage-grouse and many other species of wildlife.





## WESTERN MONTANA



- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Timber
- ☐ Habitat for listed species



## FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AND POLICY ACT OF 1976



The BLM's multiple-use mission, set forth in the Federal Land Policy & Management Act of 1976:  
To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of  
America's public lands for the use and enjoyment  
of present and future generations.



## RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCILS



- ☐ Established in 1995
- ☐ 3 RACs in Montana
- ☐ Provide an on-going public forum



## COOPERATING AGENCIES



Cooperating Agencies may:

- ☐ Identify issues
- ☐ Arrange for collection of resources & data
- ☐ Analyze data
- ☐ Develop alternatives
- ☐ Evaluate alternatives
- ☐ Perform other tasks as necessary





## DEPT OF INTERIOR PRIORITIES



- ☐ Celebrate and enhance America's Great Outdoors
- ☐ Strengthen tribal nations
- ☐ Power the future
- ☐ Embrace the next generation
- ☐ Ensure secure, sustainable water supplies
- ☐ Build a landscape-level approach



## STATE DIRECTOR'S PRIORITIES

- ☐ Landscape Conservation
  - ☐ Showcase Montana/Dakotas BLM



- ☐ BLM Employees
- ☐ Energy Development
- ☐ Fiscal Health
- ☐ Resource Management Plans
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Native American Relationship
- ☐ Sage-Grouse Habitat
- ☐ Youth



## HEALTHY & PRODUCTIVE FORESTS



- ☐ Timber Sales, Salvage, Stewardship Contracting
- ☐ Forest products stimulate local economies through job creation
- ☐ Logging, contractors, & camps produce an average of 5 jobs and \$140,000 of economic stimulus per million board feet
- ☐ 8 timber sales with 7.8 million board feet in 2013



## FUELS



- ☐ Improve the health and resiliency of forests
- ☐ Reduce hazardous fuels
- ☐ Salvage dead and dying timber
- ☐ Improve the success & safety of wildfire suppression
- ☐ Help protect adjacent private property from wildfire





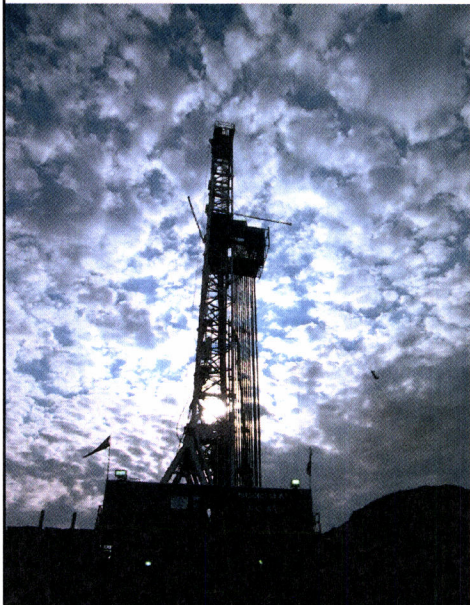
## WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT



- ☐ Interagency approach
- ☐ Cohesive strategy developed with DNRC & counties
- ☐ Teamwork, partnership, cooperation



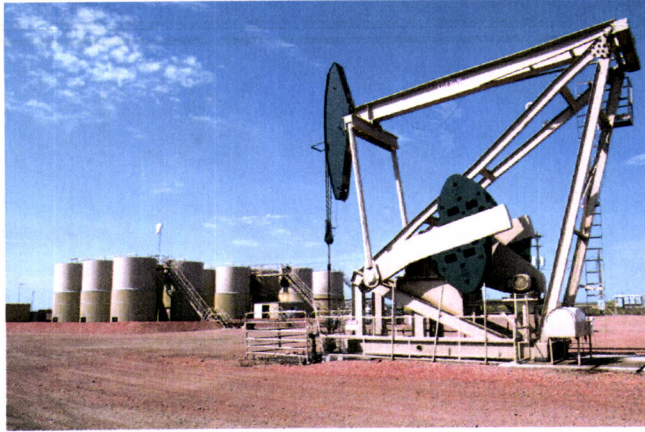
## ENERGY AND MINERALS



- ☐ Mining
- ☐ Oil and Gas
- ☐ Coal



## OIL AND GAS



- ☐ Leasing: \$21.6 million in 2011
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Inspection and enforcement



## COAL



- ☐ 33 federal coal leases = 37,221 acres
- ☐ 21.6 million tons in 2012
- ☐ Royalties of \$43.1 million





## GRAZING



- ❑ 4,622 allotments = 7.8 million acres
- ❑ 1.15 million Animal Unit Months each year
- ❑ In FY 2012, grazing generated \$1.82 million



## WEED MANAGEMENT

- ❑ BLM partners with 37 counties in Montana to control noxious weeds
- ❑ MOU with MT Dept of Agriculture



## RIPARIAN HEALTH



- ☐ 73% of BLM-managed reaches are in Proper Functioning Condition or showing signs of improvement
- ☐ Partnership with DEQ



## WILDLIFE HABITAT

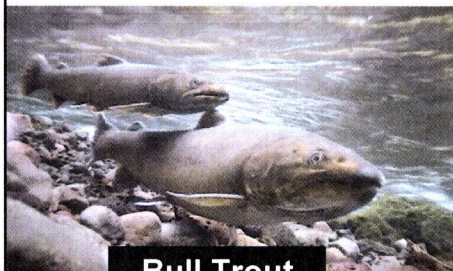


- ☐ Manage habitat for 600 species
- ☐ Threatened and endangered species
- ☐ Significant partnerships with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and wildlife conservation organizations





## LISTED SPECIES



**Bull Trout**



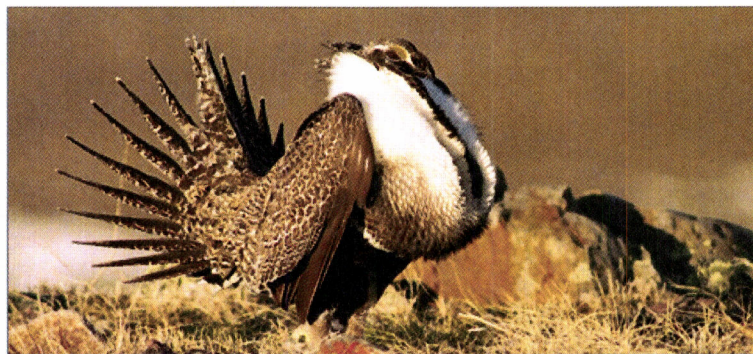
**Grizzly Bear**



**Lynx**



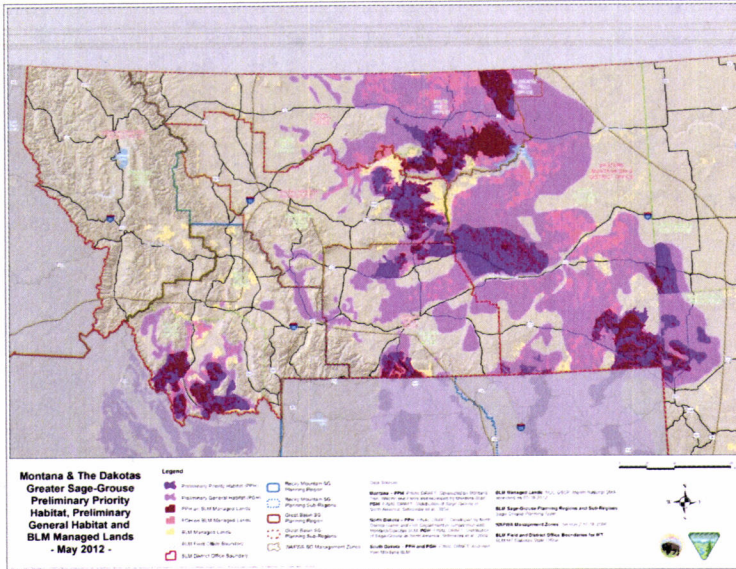
## SAGE GROUSE



- ☐ About 30% of sage-grouse habitat in Montana and the Dakotas is on BLM-managed lands
- ☐ BLM works closely with Governor's Sage-Grouse Advisory Council



## PRIORITY & GENERAL HABITAT



**PUBLIC ACCESS**



**YOUR LAND. YOUR TREASURE.**





## OUR GOAL...



**Balance uses by continuing to work with  
our partners and publics.**

